

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, During the week of May 15-21, 1989, the National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury has scheduled a local and national campaign to increase public awareness of the high incidence of accidental injury among children; and,

WHEREAS, Each year, nearly 8,000 children up to age fifteen die from injuries sustained in accidents, thereby making unintentional injuries and trauma the leading killer of children in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Each year, approximately one in four children under the age of fifteen receives an injury serious enough to require medical attention; and,

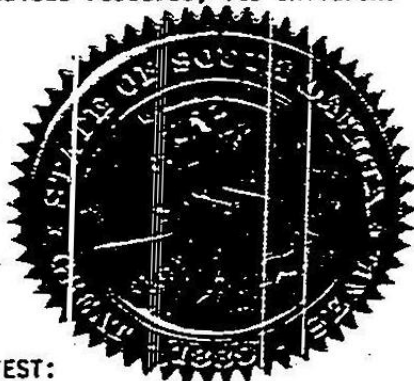
WHEREAS, The incidence of childhood accidental injury doubles during the trauma season, the time when children are released from school for the summer vacation and spend a great deal of their recreational hours outdoors; and,

WHEREAS, The sponsors of this campaign believe that it is critically important to focus attention on the problem of accidental injury, the need for preventive measures, and the need to educate the public on prevention and emergency response:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 15 through 21, 1989, as

SAFE KIDS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I call upon all the residents of this great state to join with me in supporting the aims, goals, and programs of the National Coalition to Prevent Childhood Injury, for the benefit of our state's most precious resource, its children.



ATTEST:

Joyce Hazeltime
JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR